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Hi Brian,

I am afraid I have some bad news to share. Despite our absolute best efforts with Ron, Matt, and I working around the clock these past few weeks and weekends with the AFSRB and FRR review board, they have decided not to hold our final FRR review until early next week, pushing our deployment out by **at least a week**. Our aircraft and team were ready to fly with the mockup payloads and we had all our travel booked.

Is it possible to begin the mission starting the **week of the 26th of September**? We can shift our schedule to accommodate the full two weeks, but understand you have significant logistics already in place for next week.

The board decision was based on the lack of availability to schedule their review board this week after a prolonged AFSRB review for the aircraft and payloads. They are now satisfied with the payloads, but uncharacteristically refused to schedule a FRR in time this week citing lack of detailed information on the safety procedures on the test range and their schedule.

I wholeheartedly apologize for this unexpected delay, but it was something we did not anticipate and have never experienced with the board to date. We are working with them to complete the FRR review as soon as possible, but their estimate is that we will not be able to fly until late next week.

I did not want to phone you too late this evening, but am happy to chat about this at your earliest convenience. We value the collaboration we have started and look forward to addressing this issue as soon as possible to ensure your mission success.

Best,

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